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Gen. Macnaghten In Motor Hold-Up

Two Bandits On Road To Hangchow Take \$83 From Him

While motoring from Shanghai to Hangchow in his private car, Brigadier-General E. B. Macnaghten, member of the Shanghai Municipal Council, was held up by two bandits and robbed of \$83 in cash at 11 o'clock yesterday morning, according to Chinese reports from Hangchow today.

It was learned that the veteran Council member, who during the critical period of 1932 was chairman of the city governing body, arrived in Hangchow safely and gave a detailed report to the authorities there.

Armed Men Block Road

The daring crime took place on the Haining-Haiyen border in the Chekiang section of the highway. Two bandits, armed with pistols, blocked the way and forced Brigadier-General Macnaghten to apply the brake. They boarded the car, searched his pockets, and relieved him of \$83, according to the reports.

When they completed the looting, one of the bandits fired a shot as a demonstration. The gun was fired into the air and no one was injured.

Description Of Bandits

According to Brig.-General Macnaghten's description, given the authorities, one of the bandits was aged about 20, wearing a gray long gown and a black "water-melon hat." He spoke in Kempo (Northern Kiangsu) dialect, it is said. The other was identified by a blue tint on his middle finger.

Bureau of Public Safety and Peace Preservation Corps officials, upon receipt of the report, immediately rushed squads to the scene of the daring crime and made investigations. They were continuing their investigations today although no trace of the gunmen could be found.

Near Sze Murder Scene

It was near Haining where Mr. Sze Liang-tai, Shun Pao publisher, and two others met their tragic death on November 13. The party was returning to Shanghai by the motor-road when a gang of gunmen, said to be six in number, emptied their revolvers and automatics into the car, killing the chauffeur and a passenger, student of the Hangchow Christian College. When Mr. Sze fled, they gave chase and shot him dead at a close range.

Although a number of suspects had been rounded up, the investigations failed to bring any close to the Chekiang authorities. Mr. Hsu Yen, chief of the Public Safety Bureau at Haining, was recently dismissed from his office for his failure to round up the criminals within the prescribed time-limit of 10 days after the crime.

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Shanghai Morning Post and other local newspapers:

ELECTRICITY SUPPLY TO WESTERN DISTRICT

With reference to the formation of a new power company in the western District to supply electricity to the district, a draft agreement has been concluded. The Shanghai City Government has submitted the agreement to the Central Government for approval and the agreement will be signed after this has been obtained from Nanking.

It is reported that the draft agreement contains 43 Articles.

The new company will pay \$1,500,000 for the business monopoly, and five per cent of its revenue will be paid to the Chinese Government in two instalments. The instalment for the first six months of the year will be paid at the end of August, while the instalment for the second half of the year will be made at the end of February in the following year. It is stipulated that the monopoly will expire in the 50th Year of the Republic of China (1961) with no extension and that the Shanghai City Government will buy over the property of the new company. The draft agreement also contains a stipulation that the new company should observe the orders of the Chinese Government and be supervised by the Government.

Shanghai Morning Post and other local newspapers (Hangchow telegram):

GENERAL MACNAGHTEN ROBBED OF \$83 ON SHANGHAI-HANGCHOW
HIGHWAY

At 11 a.m. January 11, General Macnaghten, Vice-Chairman of the Shanghai Municipal Council, left Shanghai in his private motor car (licence No. 6405) for Hangchow via the Shanghai-Hangchow highway.

When the car was passing Tseu Li Ye (丹里叶) and Huang Wan (黄万) between Hai Ning (海寧) and Hai Yen (海鹽), two robbers armed with pistols ordered the car to stop. After relieving the occupant of a sum of \$83, the robbers fired a few shots as a demonstration and made good their escape towards the hills in the south.

One of the robbers was dressed in a grey longgown and a Chinese hat. He is about 30 years of age and spoke the Kompo dialect. He had a middle finger which appeared to be shorter than the others.

Upon learning of the case, the Bureau of Public Safety at Hangchow immediately sent a party of armed policemen to the scene to make an investigation. Endeavours are being made to trace the robbers.

Foreigners On Houseboat In Pirate Attack

Launch With Five Boats
In Tow Raided On
Trip From Tahu

TWO POLICE OFFICERS
AND CIVILIAN

Banks Lined By Gang Armed
With Rifles; Robbed Of
Guns; Money Hidden

Two well-known members of the Shanghai Municipal Police, Detective Sub-Inspector C. A. Mason, of the Fingerprint Bureau, and Sub-Inspector H. G. Biggs, of Hongkew Station, were victims, together with Mr. R. J. Wallace, of a piratical attack during the holidays when returning in a "boat-train" from a shooting expedition in the Tahu Lake district.

They were in one of five houseboats being towed by the steam launch Li Shing and the convoy had reached a point about halfway between the Tahu Lake and Shanghai when a burst of rifle shots from the banks brought the launch to a halt, the houseboats being boarded soon afterwards by a score of men all armed with modern magazine rifles.

Messrs. Mason, Biggs and Wallace were robbed of six sporting guns and a quantity of ammunition but they concealed their money successfully. Other boats in the train lost amounts varying from \$100 to \$1,000.

While the raid was still in progress, another boat-train proceeding in the opposite direction was sighted in the creek, stopped by the pirates and similarly ransacked. The gang, about 25 in number, eventually made off in sailing junks.

Foreigner's Story

Relating the story of the affair, one of the foreign victims told a representative of "The Shanghai Sunday Times" that the attack took place at

about 12.45 a.m. on Christmas Eve in a deserted creek near Hsia Hu Tang.

The party were awakened by the firing of shots and the launch rushed in to announce that robbers were attacking the boats. They picked up their sporting shot guns but, looking out of the window, saw that the bank was lined with armed men covering the boats with their rifles and realized that resistance, in the circumstances, would be futile.

Before the pirates boarded, however, they concealed their money—in the most obvious places, some in a cigarette case thrown under the bath, some on the surface of the bed concealed in the ruffled folds of the counterpane. The only monetary loss aboard was suffered by the Chinese servant, who was robbed of 70 cents, he, too, having concealed the notes in his possession.

Dangerous Moments

There were dangerous moments from ugly-looking and threatening desperadoes when no money was forthcoming and concealment was suspected, and one of the leaders, who uttered repeated menaces, demanded \$3,000 as the price of their freedom.

The pirates took away six guns, including two .22 rifles, but left Detective-Inspector Mason's 16-bore which was overlooked in its case, and later abandoned on another boat a 12-bore belonging to Sub-Inspector Biggs.

Search made was far from thorough, the arrival of a second victim for attack possibly contributing to its hurried nature. The party witnessed the raid on this boat-train, but could see very little in the darkness.

The Li Shing, with her boats in tow, was permitted to proceed at 2 a.m. and the incident was reported at the next village.

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Ta Mei Wan Pao dated January 15:

THE ROBBERY OF A FOREIGN RESIDENT ON THE SHANGHAI-HANGCHOW
HIGHWAY - TRUTH OF REPORT UNKNOWN

A few days ago, a telegram reported that General Macnaghten, Vice-Chairman of the S.M.C., was held up and robbed of a sum of money at a place between Hai Ning (海寧) and Hai Yen (海鹽) on the Shanghai-Hangchow highway. As the case has attracted International attention, our reporter visited the scene of the robbery and made enquiries of the Chinese Authorities. The following information was given to our reporters:-

On January 11, General Macnaghten, Vice-Chairman of the S.M.C. and Chairman of the Board of Directors of the British American Tobacco Company, accompanied by Sung Kwen San (孫君), a representative of the B.A.T. Company, left Shanghai in his motor car bearing Shanghai City Government licence No. 6405 for Hangchow to call on General Huang Shao Yung, Chairman of the Chekiang Provincial Government, to discuss certain matters with him. At about noon, as the car was travelling between Cho Li Ye (潮力也) and Huang Wan (黃灣), they heard reports of gunfire. The motor car returned to the Cho Li Ye Station and Tseu Feng Sze (周鳳澤), Chief of the Station, was requested to detail a police escort. Subsequently, Sung Kwen San said that they met two robbers who had deprived them of over \$100 in notes.

Upon receipt of the report, the Chief of the Cho Li Ye Station notified the other stations in the neighbourhood and the Police organs along the highway to keep a watch for the robbers. He also questioned Huang Wan Station, but the latter replied that no robbery had taken place.

At this stage, Zee Yen (翟延), Commissioner of the Bureau of Public Safety at Hai Ning, accompanied by a party of staff members and policemen, left Hai Ning in a motor car for the scene of the robbery. He met

General Macnaghten's motor car (licence No. 6405) in the vicinity of Sing Chong (新倉). They then went together to Hai Ning Station.

At the station, Sung Kwen San said:- "General Macnaghten has been robbed of \$40 in notes, the chauffeur of \$13 in notes, while I was robbed of about \$30 in notes. I cannot remember how many dollars I lost. The robbers were dressed like countrymen and wore Chinese hats. They fired a shot as a demonstration."

The Commissioner of the Hai Ning Public Safety Bureau immediately sent out a number of policemen and detectives to trace the robbers.

Detective Ma Zoe Fang (馬卓芳) arrived at Hai Ning Hsien and telephoned to the Magistrate of Hai Yen Hsien and was informed that a revenue guard had opened fire in connection with a smuggling case and that enquiries were in progress.

Becoming suspicious of the affair, detective Ma Zoe Fang, in company with a party of officers and men of the Hai Ning Public Safety Bureau, visited the scene of the alleged robbery. Enquiries at the stations and

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among farmers in the neighbourhood showed that no robbery had occurred but that a revenue guard had opened fire in connection with a smuggling case. Tseu Peng Sze, Chief of Cho Li Ye Station, made a similar report, adding that it was true that the motor car carrying General Macnaghten had returned because of the reports of gunfire and had requested protection. Tseu went on to say that he had heard nothing of a robbery.

Detective Ma Zoe Fang visited Hai Yen Hsien and was told that no robbery had occurred in the Hsien. Enquiries are being made into the case by the Hsien and the Police concerned. General Huang Shao Yung, concurrently Chief of the Civil Affairs Department of the Chekiang Provincial Government, has been requested to conduct a strict investigation.

According to information secured from other sources, the Police service along the Shanghai-Hangchow highway has been intensified since the murder of Sz Liang Zai (李量才), the late Managing-Director of the Shun Pac.

General Macnaghten and Sung Kwen San of the B.M.T. Company, after completing their mission at Hangchow, returned to Shanghai in the afternoon of January 13 by motor car. General Macnaghten did not wish to make any statement regarding the affair.

According to information received by a certain foreign newspaper in Shanghai, the reports of a robbery having taken place are untrue.

China Times and other local newspapers:

WORLD NEWS AGENCY ILLEGALLY TAKES FILMS IN CHINA

Films
New York newspapermen are paying special attention to the murder of John C. Stan and his wife by Red bandits in Anhwei.

George F. Krainuhs, Chief of the World News Agency, is coming to China to make an investigation. He intends to use the baby and the statements of the officers sent by the American Authorities for a film version of the murder to be sent to foreign countries for screening.

As this constitutes a violation of the Rules for the taking of pictures by foreigners in China, the Ministry of Foreign Affairs has requested the Ministry of Finance to instruct the Chinese Maritime Customs to detain the films, while the Ministry of Communications will order the Chinese Post Office to detain them also.

Shanghai Morning Post:

LECTURE ON THE INTERNATIONAL SETTLEMENT

The fourth lecture on international subjects being delivered under the auspices of the Shanghai Municipality Educational Association will be broadcasted at 2 p.m. to-day by Kwei Sze Hsiung (蒯世勳). The subject will be "What is the International Settlement of Shanghai." The lecture will be delivered from the An Ting Broadcasting Station (安定).